Inspection Report

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2.40 (b) (3)

ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

At time of inspection, two animals were noted with health abnormalities. A Tufted Deer in ISHPP was observed to have difficulty moving, and was knuckling under on the right rear leg. On the same string, an Indian Rhino housed in the Black Rhino holding area was observed with skin issues such as cracks and peeling, and an encrusted buildup of blood and exudate on and in the ear, as well as blood on the forehead near a lesion. A review of records at the hospital indicated that neither animal had been reported to the veterinary staff for evaluation or possible treatment. The Rhino had arrived at the Park from the Zoo with a history of skin and ear problems. Daily observation of all animals to assess their health and well-being is required. That daily observation of animals may be accomplished by someone other than the attending veterinarian, but a mechanism of direct and frequent communication is required so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian. Issues with these animals were not conveyed to the attending vet in a timely fashion and were not noted in keeper's daily records. Those making daily observations of animals need to be aware of the requirement to document and report animal abnormalities. NOTE: upon notification, Veterinary staff took immediate action to evaluate animals and provide treatment as needed.
CORRECT BY 3-1-14

3.125 (a)

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

Facilities must be maintained in good repair, to protect animals from injury and to contain the animals:

- Upper Okapi yard: Fence mesh is stretched and bent, with damage to the wire present.
CORRECT BY: 3-1-14

- Benbough Mammal holding, slab: Enclosures have rusty and corroded metal bars and poles present, near base of enclosures and in door areas. Rust has created holes in some bars and poles.
CORRECT BY: 5-1-14

- Elephants, lower west holding yard: A section of retainingwall in the animal area is cracked and broken, with displacement of remaing pieces present.

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- PPL01 catch pen: concrete shelter structure has broken concrete near base, exposing wire mesh under concrete.
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- PP, Sanbar catch pen: this area is flooded, with standing water and mud present. Keeper stated this was from a broken pipe. Both waterers in this area had rusty plates with holes present. One stall had severe erosion present near drinker, exposing concrete lip and creating a hole in the drinker area.
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- Somali Wild Ass catch pens: a broken sprinkler head in this area is creating water and standing mud.
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- East Africa: the upper wall area in this enclosure has broken concrete present, and is showing signs of erosion.
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- Central Asia: Stinging Nettles have taken over large areas of this enclosure. These can be irritating to animals housed within the enclosure, or prevent use of that space by the animals.
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3.129 (a)

FEEDING.

ISHPP pens: at time of inspection, keeper was not present in this area. Diets for animals had been left out in the sun on top of food containers, including vegetables, pellets, etc. Leaving diet items out creates the possibility of contamination by vermin or insects. A system of food preparation must be in place to minimize the possibility of contamination and maintain palatibility and nutritive value.
CORRECT BY 2-15-14

3.131 (c) **REPEAT**

SANITATION.

- Safari Experience area: walls and floor are in disrepair, including in the diet prep area. This area must be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices, and the current state does not allow for this.
CORRECT BY: 4-4-14

- Benbough kitchen: floor is worn has some broken tiles.Walls, surfaces, and food containers, as well as floors, have a buildup of grime and some food debris present. Leaks from under sink have stained the floor and created excess moisture. Prescribed husbandry practices require a kitchen to be cleaned on a regular basis.
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- Old Asian Elephant barn: leaking faucets present in food storage area. A vine type of plant is growing

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through the wall by the drinker into the animal area. The fuse box is and metal areas near the ground are corroded and rusty. This area is still used on an occasional basis, as during the current construction near the elephant areas. Facilities must be kept clean and in good repair to facilitate husbandry practices.
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Exit briefing conducted with facility personnel.

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